

REMARKS

In the specification, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

Claims 1-13 and 23 are canceled. Claims 4-22 have been amended. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by the amendments, and entry thereof is requested. New claims 24-31 are added. On entry, claims 14-22 and 24-31 are active in this application.

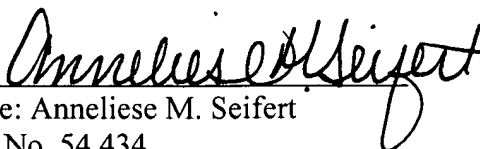
Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of-record, Anneliese Seifert (Reg. No. 54,434), at (651) 795-5661.

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